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MINISTER SLAYS WIFE WITH KNIFE

Prominent Clergyman of Fairmont, Va., Admits Commission of Revolting Crime.

TEMPORARY INSANITY IS ONLY EXPLANATION MADE

Came to His Senses While Gazing on Woman's Dead Body, and Gave Himself Up.

FAIRMONT, Va., May 18.—Temporary insanity, according to his own statement, the Rev. S. A. Coffman, aged fifty years, a prominent Methodist Episcopal clergyman, killed his wife yesterday by cutting her throat from ear to ear. A moment after the crime, he says, he regained his senses and realized that he had done. He immediately surrendered himself and was locked up.

Rev. Coffman resided at Roostown, about three miles from here, and is in charge of two or three local churches. His wife was a member of a prominent local family and was thirty-three years of age. During the past week or two Rev. Coffman has been conducting a series of revival services.

Just Finished Revival.

Yesterday he finished his revival and appeared well pleased with the result. About midnight, he and his wife were discussing the services, when suddenly she seized a poker and began striking his wife on the head. There was a struggle, during which Mrs. Coffman succeeded in escaping from the house and running to the street. She was followed closely, however, by her husband. Coffman had taken a knife with him, and when he had his wife powerless in his grasp, he cut her throat from ear to ear, causing instant death. According to a statement made by the Rev. Coffman, when he looked on the lifeless body of his wife, his sanity was immediately restored and he realized what he had done.

MINISTER DISCUSSES VENEZUELAN CONDITIONS

NEW YORK, May 18.—W. W. Russell, American minister to Venezuela, arrived here today on the steamer Caracas. Mr. Russell was accompanied by his family.

Mr. Russell said little information was obtainable at Lagunilla, which is under close quarantine as a result of an outbreak of yellow plague.

Reports of serious differences between President Castro of Venezuela and Minister Russell were denied by Mr. Russell. He said that while it was true that he and President Castro were not in perfect accord on all questions, there was no serious trouble in their relations. Mr. Russell said reports of President Castro's ill health have been exaggerated. He said that the President appears to be in excellent health, and is out every day. Mr. Russell said he appears to be in good health, and is out every day. Mr. Russell said he appears to be in good health, and is out every day.

LEET GETS AWAY FOR VOYAGE TO NORTHWEST

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—In the midst of a rainy morning, the Atlantic fleet sailed out through the Golden Gate today on its way to visit various points on the coast. The fleet will sail close to the coast at certain points in order to give the people an opportunity to view the long line of fighting vessels under way at sea. The fleet will arrive in San Francisco on Thursday, May 21, and will proceed to Seattle, then to Portland, Oregon, and then to Tacoma, Washington, and finally to Seattle, where it will remain for a three days' visit. Then the ships of one squadron will sail for San Francisco for docking, while the other will proceed to Seattle for a three days' visit. The fleet is in preparation for the resumption of the world cruise, which starts from San Francisco on July 7.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS URGE NATIONAL PROHIBITION

NOT SPRING, Ark., May 18.—Amid a great enthusiasm, the Southern Baptist convention today adopted resolutions condemning the liquor traffic in all states. It is urged to inhibit the shipment of liquor into dry territory and prohibit its sale in sympathy with the prohibitionists. An amendment was adopted providing for the appointment of a standing committee on prohibition, which will keep up the fight against the liquor traffic in all states.

FRANCIS JOSEPH SICK, BUT NOT SERIOUSLY

VENNA, May 18.—Emperor Francis Joseph is again slightly indisposed and has made necessary the postponement of his audience. The physicians say it is no cause for anxiety, but after his long illness, it is necessary to be careful.

GH TOLAND, PROMINENT ACTOR, DIES SUDDENLY

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Hugh Tolland, a widely known actor, died suddenly of Bright's disease, aged 39. Mr. Tolland arrived in this city last night on the West, where he had been playing in a company. He was stricken and found in bed.

SENATOR PLATT'S SCANDAL REVIVED

Mae Catherine Wood, in Suit for Divorce, Tells of Her Alleged Secret Marriage.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE FORGERY, SENATOR SAYS

Present Wife of Political Boss Figures as Co-Respondent in the Pending Action.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Mae Catherine Wood was on the witness stand all day today testifying in her suit for absolute divorce from United States Senator Thomas C. Platt before Justice O'Gorman, in the Supreme court. In support of her assertion that she had been secretly married to Senator Platt at the Fifth Avenue hotel, on November 9, 1901, her counsel introduced in evidence a marriage certificate which, he said, had been handed her by the minister who performed the ceremony; and copies of a number of letters alleged to have been written to her by the Senator addressed in terms of endearment. On cross-examination, Miss Wood told how she came to give up the papers and letters she possessed relating to Senator Platt, alleging that she did so under duress and was compelled to sign a receipt for \$10,000 in settlement of all her claims against the Senator.

Senator's Wife Figures.

Miss Wood, in her suit, named as co-respondent Lillian Janney, whom Senator Platt married in 1903. Senator Platt was not in court today.

In his answer, the Senator declares that Miss Wood's allegations that he married her about November 9, 1901, in New York are absolutely false. "The plaintiff never made any claim to me that she was married to me until December, 1906," says Senator Platt. In his answer, he did not ever hear of her making any claim of marriage prior to that time, except that in June, 1906, an article appeared in a Chicago newspaper containing an interview purporting to come from her, in which she stated that such a marriage had taken place, and that article was accompanied by a picture or alleged fac simile of a wedding certificate containing my name in association with the plaintiff.

Says Certificate Is Forged.

He declares that the certificate reproduced in the newspaper was produced by the plaintiff, and that since 1906 Miss Wood has tried to get money from him by threats that she would sue him for breach of promise of marriage. "I have never seen the certificate," he says. "I have never seen the certificate," he says. "I have never seen the certificate," he says.

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Pervent Love Letters.

The copy was dated Friday, November 8, 1901, and read in part as follows: "My Little Bride-to-Be—I have made all arrangements. You are to arrive at my hotel at 6 o'clock on Thursday, May 21, and will proceed to Seattle, then to Portland, Oregon, and then to Tacoma, Washington, and finally to Seattle, where it will remain for a three days' visit. Then the ships of one squadron will sail for San Francisco for docking, while the other will proceed to Seattle for a three days' visit. The fleet is in preparation for the resumption of the world cruise, which starts from San Francisco on July 7."

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Mr. Stanchfield offered the release signed by Miss Wood to Senator Platt in evidence. Counsel for Miss Wood objected, but the release was admitted. The case will be continued tomorrow.

PUEBLO MOB TRIES TO LYNCH NEGRO MURDERER

PUEBLO, Colo., May 18.—Believing that Jim Lynn, the negro who last Thursday morning murdered Sarah James, a sixteen-year-old white girl, and wounded her mother, is confined in the county jail here, a mob of several hundred tonight visited the jail and demanded that Lynn be turned out to be lynched. The mob discussed the proposition of going to Colorado Springs and getting Lynn out of jail and hanging him there. Lynn's trial has been arranged for June 9, but it is believed to be unsafe to bring him to Pueblo at all.

ADMIRAL EVANS DETAILED TO GENERAL NAVY BOARD

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Secretary McMillan detailed Admiral Robert D. Evans to duty with the general board of the navy which has to do with the preparation of plans for naval campaigns for use in time of war. After the admiral's retirement in August it is probable that he will be detailed for "special duty" with the board.

Veteran Lawyer Dies.

ASHLAND, Wis., May 18.—W. M. Tomkins, dean of the bar of northern Wisconsin, died today from a cancer of the stomach.

"FOOLING THE GENTILES"



CONGRESS IS SPENDING OVER BILLION DOLLARS

Appropriations Will Reach the Largest Sum Ever Set Aside in One Session.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Sixtieth Congress will have earned the title of a "billion-dollar Congress" at its first session before adjournment is taken at the end of the week. It is estimated that the total appropriations will reach the enormous sum of \$1,250,000,000, which is said to be the largest amount ever appropriated at a single session.

The various items contributing to make up this prodigious aggregate are as follows: Sundry civil, \$12,000,000; legislative, executive and judicial, \$23,000,000; army, \$86,382,000; postoffice, \$2,180,000; pensions, \$13,000,000; fortifications, \$11,000,000; agriculture, \$11,612,000; district of Columbia, \$1,500,000; diplomatic and consular, \$4,000,000; naval, \$122,662,000; Indians, \$9,000,000; urgent deficiency, \$26,000,000; public buildings, \$25,000,000; general deficiency, \$17,000,000; military academy, new immigration station at Philadelphia, relief of cyclone sufferers in the South, etc., \$1,500,000; permanent annual appropriations, \$154,000,000.

These appropriations are for the fiscal year which begins July 1, 1908. It is too early to give anything like an accurate estimate of the revenues of the Government during that period of twelve months, but members of the Appropriation committee think they will run somewhere between \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,250,000,000.

Another feature of the same day was offered in evidence in which the writer advised Miss Wood that he would not reach the hotel until after 6 o'clock, and that she was to go to her room and await a signal from him.

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Senate today held a short executive session, nearly half of which was consumed by Senator Heyburn in a filibustering speech against a conference report on a bill to increase homestead on nonirrigable lands from 160 to 320 acres, which he declared would apply to the richest lands of Idaho. After proceeding for an hour the objectionable report was withdrawn.

The conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was received by the Senate. Senator Buckley (Conn.) spoke in favor of passing his bill to authorize the President to enlist the negro soldiers of the Twenty-first Infantry and declared that if possible he would secure action on it during the present session.

The Senate at 4:07 p. m. adjourned.

HOUSE PASSES GENERAL DEFICIENCY MEASURE

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The passage by the House today of the general deficiency measure, including a joint resolution providing for payment of an annuity for life of \$125 a month each to the widows of Surgeons James Carroll and Jesse S. Jones, U. S. A., in recognition of their discoveries in connection with the transmission of yellow fever by mosquitoes.

At 3:14 p. m. the House recessed until 11:30 a. m. tomorrow.

Veteran Jurist Dies.

DENVER, May 18.—G. A. Finkelnberg, who resided as judge of the United States District court at St. Louis, Mo., in 1907, on account of failing health, died in this city today. He was born near Cologne, Prussia, April 6, 1857.

STRIKE SYMPATHIZERS ARE USING DYNAMITE

Two Cars Partially Wrecked at Cleveland; Efforts at Arbitration Seem Blocked.

CLEVELAND, May 18.—A Broadway street car was partially destroyed by a dynamite torpedo tonight. While twenty-five passengers were in the car, no one was seriously hurt. A panic followed and a mad rush for the exits was made.

A West Madison street car was also damaged by an explosion of powder on the track. The floor of the car was broken through and one woman was severely injured.

The first attempt by the members of the State Board of Arbitration today to bring about peace between the Municipal Traction company and the striking employees resulted in a failure.

President Dupont agreed to arbitrate some points, but would not concede the one thing for which the men stand determined.

"In no case will I arbitrate the reinstatement of the men at the expense of those now employed," he said. "I shall stick to the seniority of runs, those now working getting the preference."

President Dupont said that he would arbitrate no point until the lawlessness had ceased.

FOURTH WARD AMERICANS.

Members of the American party of the Fourth ward will have a conference at room 204 Tribune building at 8 o'clock this evening. All who expect to support the party next fall are cordially invited to be present.

TEDDY AND SMOOT BOTH VERY ANGRY

Selection of Senator Burrows as Temporary Chairman of Chicago Convention Cause.

APOSTLE-SENATOR-DELEGATE SEEMS TO BE IN TROUBLE

Wonders if He May Not Hear Something Drop When Burrows Makes His Address.

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Next to the President, the maddest man in Washington over the selection of Senator Burrows of Michigan to be temporary chairman of the Chicago convention was Reed Smoot. Burrows has been the eyesore of Smoot ever since the protest against seating the apostle was heard in the Senate. There are other Senators who stood for Smoot in that ordeal who are not throwing up their hands and "cheering" for Burrows. Smoot went to one of the older Senators on the Republican side this morning, apparently in much trouble. "Do you think he will say anything unpleasant in his Chicago speech?" asked the apostle-Senator, indicating Burrows with a nod of his head. The suggestion was so funny that the Senator to whom the question was put had to smile.

Smoot Much Worried.

It was evident that the apostle was uncomfortable. The Senator addressed told Smoot that he hardly believed Burrows would make any move to oust him from his seat as a delegate. "But I would not advise you to seek recognition from the chair," said the Senator to the apostle.

Anything that will guarantee against a speech by Smoot in the convention will be welcome to many Senators who heard the apostle's speech in the Senate. The grounds in the Senate today to ask for \$200,000 for the Salt Lake building. He will probably not get that large a sum, but expects some provision to be made for the enlargement of the building.

Smoot tried to get the conference report on his "dry bill" adopted in the Senate today, but Senator Heyburn started in on a speech of exceeding length and the conference report was not adopted.

William Stewart, president of the defunct bank; Walter Chess, one of the directors; Thomas Evans of the MacBeth Evans Glass company; Robert A. MacBeth, president of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and William Montgomery, the defaulting cashier, are security for the city deposit, and each is liable to the amount of \$500,000.

The Fidelity and Trust company of Maryland and the United States Fidelity and Guarantee company are under bond to the state for its deposits.

"There is absolutely not the slightest doubt of the state receiving every cent of its deposit," said Treasurer Sheatz.

BANK'S SUSPENSION CRAMPS PITTSBURGH

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—With more than a million and a half dollars of its funds tied up indefinitely as a result of the suspension of the Allegheny National bank today, the City of Pittsburgh is in a predicament. The possibility of being forced to issue bonds to raise money to meet current expenses, a formal effort to withdraw the money was made by City Treasurer Steel, after the provision of the Common suspension was made, but the check was not honored.

The suspension of the bank leaves the city with practically no immediate available funds.

This has aroused new interest in the story of Emil Greening of Oklahoma City, Okla., who was employed by Mrs. Guinness in the fall of 1905. Greening worked for Mrs. Guinness at the time that Jennie Olsen disappeared, and his story was to the effect that on a Friday in September a man and woman came to the house and that night Mrs. Guinness asked Greening to sleep in the barn, for the couple, who should wear the names of Greening and Olsen, were the man and woman from the Los Angeles office which Jennie was to attend, would spend the night at the house, and would require Greening's bedroom. In the morning Greening saw nothing of Jennie nor the man and woman, and was informed by Mrs. Guinness that they had left on an early train, taking Jennie along.

Partial Identification.

This body which is now declared to be that of a woman was taken from the same hole as was that of Jennie Olsen and in that hole also were the bodies of El Budberg of Iowa, Wks., and the remains of another male person. All the bodies were dismembered, but the trunks of the four were such that it was possible to identify the fall of 1905. Greening worked for Mrs. Guinness and it was made possible by today's autopsies to determine that one of the other two was a female. The theory now advanced is that Mrs. Guinness may have on the same night, the night that Greening slept in the barn, murdered not only Jennie Olsen, but also the man and woman. To Coroner Mack, Sheriff Smutser and Prosecutor Smith this seems almost inconceivable, but, considered in the light of recent developments, nothing appears impossible for this arch-murderer.

Will Call in Chemists.

The stomachs of the four victims in this hole have been removed, and the contents will be analyzed for poison. The couple, occurred in September, 1906, while Budberg was disposed of in May, 1907. His body was nearer the surface than the other three and his could have been the last placed in the hole.

The Laporte county grand jury convened today and began investigation of the mystery surrounding the death of the fourteen persons at the farm of Mrs. Belle Guinness.

Prosecutor Smith questioned the witnesses and the testimony is being noted by a court stenographer.

Prosecutor Smith today received another threatening letter from Brooklyn, N. Y. It is dated May 18, and signed "C. Chief of Police Cochrane" in receipt of a letter from New York saying his life will pay forfeit unless he ceases his activity.

Southwest Prosperous.

FORT WORTH, Tex., May 18.—Edwin Gould, president of the St. Louis & Southwestern Railroad company, completed his inspection tour of the Cotton Belt lines in this city today and started for the Pacific coast via El Paso over the Texas & Pacific. Mr. Gould said he found Southwestern conditions prosperous and that the Gould lines in Texas expected to add many improvements, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, this year.

Slight Quake in Montana.

HELENA, Mont., May 18.—Three earthquake shocks were felt in this country last night. At Marysville dishes were rattled and clocks were made to strike by the disturbance. No damage was done.

Cashier Admits Guilt.

PITTSBURGH, May 18.—Ernest W. Bowman, former assistant cashier of the Citizens National bank of Glenesta, Pa., pleaded guilty today to the charge of aiding and abetting Joseph W. L. Landers and William W. Wynne in the misadministration of the bank's funds amounting to over \$14,000. He will be sentenced later.

ASHLAND, WIS., MAY 18.—A violent rainstorm flooded the northern part of Wisconsin last night. The dam at Melton went out early today. Hundreds of residents were driven from their homes in the darkness by the advance flood and many head of stock were drowned.

Three bridges were swept away. Families are camped on the surrounding hills.

SCHOOL TEACHER PLACED ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

IOLA, Kan., May 18.—Samuel Whitlow, a school teacher, married and the father of a family, was placed on trial here today for the murder of a young girl, Miss Mary Sapp, a daughter of J. M. Sapp, a rich retired farmer of Moran, Kan., near Iola. The murder of Miss Sapp was one of the most brutal in the history of Kansas crimes. The girl's throat was cut from ear to ear with a razor.

The State charges that Whitlow met Miss Sapp by appointment and murdered her to get her attentions which she had forced upon him.

Brotherhood Broadening.

COLUMBUS, O., May 18.—The International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, at its meeting today, decided to include the countries of South America and Panama in the brotherhood, and a canvass of these countries for membership will be begun at once.

MAKES CONFESSION OF TRIPLE MURDER

Mystery of Tragedy That Baffled Officers at Matawan, N. J., Has Been Solved.

YOUTHFUL FARM HAND SLEW FAMILY FOR GOLD

In Early Hours of Morning Lay in Wait With Shotgun for Helpless Victims.

MATAWAN, N. J., May 18.—The prosecutor of Monmouth county announced today that Frank Zastera, the young farm hand, has made a confession that he killed Mr. and Mrs. William B. Shepherd and their servant, Miss Jennie Bandy, who were found murdered in Mr. Shepherd's farm house Saturday. His statement is reported to be to the effect that he killed Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd in order to get the money which he knew Mr. Shepherd had in his possession.

Waited for His Victims.

According to the story that Zastera told, he waited in the parlor of the house Saturday morning until Mrs. Shepherd came down stairs to warm a bottle of milk for her baby and as she was returning upstairs with the milk shot her in the side and head with her husband's shotgun. At the sound of the shooting, Shepherd came running downstairs. Zastera was standing in the hall with the gun in his hands and when Shepherd was half-way down fired a charge of shot into his side. Shepherd dropped on the stairs and his body fell upon that of his wife. Zastera then entered the kitchen with the gun, and meeting Jennie Bandy, shot her in the breast. All three were instantly killed.

Zastera then went in search of Shepherd's money, ransacking the farmer's clothing and the bureau drawers of the house.

Cannot Find Money.

Zastera is said to have told the authorities that he hid the money somewhere about the house or grounds, but up to this time they have been unable to confirm his story in that respect, although they paid several visits to the Shepherd farm yesterday and searched both the house and the grounds to find the hiding place.

Relative of Jennie Bandy have told the authorities that Miss Bandy was now living in New York City, and that he was formerly a student of the Art Students' League and of the National Academy of Design in New York.

MARRIAGE CAME TOO LATE TO SECURE INHERITANCE

WASHINGTON, May 18.—In deciding the case of Annie Keola and Keona Williams, granddaughters of the late J. E. Williams of the estate of Oahu, Hawaii, vs. William E. Castle, trustee of the estate of Williams, against the women, the Supreme Court, presided by Chief Justice Brandeis, today held that marriage by the father to the mother of the children born out of wedlock does not have the effect in Hawaii of legitimizing the children.

The girls are the daughters of a son of the late J. E. Williams, who died in 1898. The girls are now in the hands of their mother at the time of their birth. Castle refused to pay them any of the proceeds of the grandfather's estate, notwithstanding a marriage between the two parents.

CONSIDERING CONSOLIDATION OF METHODIST CHURCHES

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 18.—Consolidation with the Methodist Episcopal, Congregational and United Brethren churches was considered at today's session of the general conference of the Methodist Protestant church. The committee appointed by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church held at Baltimore, composed of Bishop H. W. Warren, the Rev. J. M. Sapp, a daughter of J. M. Sapp, a rich retired farmer of Moran, Kan., near Iola. The murder of Miss Sapp was one of the most brutal in the history of Kansas crimes. The girl's throat was cut from ear to ear with a razor.

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CHURCH WITH DOCTRINE OF COMPLETE INSPIRATION

COLUMBUS, May 18.—The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene of East Palestine, Ohio, was incorporated today. A number of churches have been established with the doctrine of immediate and complete inspiration of preachers after the manner of the Pentecostal manifestation of the scripture, but this is the first one of the kind to be incorporated. Among the tenets of this church is the doctrine of the entire sanctification of believers.

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